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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sriram Hathwar upon the occasion of being crowned Co-Champion of the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship on May 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sriram Hathwar upon the occasion of being named Co-Champion of the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship on Thursday, May 29, 2014, in National Harbor, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Sriram Hathwar, a 14-year-old from Painted Post, New York, is an eighth grade student at the Alternative School for Math and Science in Corning, New York; sponsored by the Corning Rotary Club, he is the son of Jagadeesh and Roopa Hathwar; and

WHEREAS, This year was Sriram Hathwar's fifth trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee and he was favored to win; he is the first Spelling Bee Champion from Upstate New York since 1976; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee was broadcast nationwide on ESPN, and welcomed 281 spellers from around the world; the spellers ranged in age from 8-14 years old, and were all vying for the esteemed title of champion; and

WHEREAS, This astute young scholar assured himself at least a second-place finish by correctly spelling "characin," a family of small brightly colored fish; and

WHEREAS, Sriram Hathwar forged ahead with a correct spelling of "skandhas" followed by "feijoada"; with only four words remaining, he

correctly spelled "stichomythia" assuring himself at least a co-championship; the two students were declared co-champions after Bee officials ran out of words to keep the duel going; and

WHEREAS, Sriram Hathwar, in achieving this high honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, school and region; and

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the marketplace of ideas are worthy of praise and support; and

WHEREAS, Poised with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sriram Hathwar upon the occasion of being crowned Co-Champion of the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship on May 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sriram Hathwar.